
The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (the Death & Resurrection of Christ)

1. Why the Cross?

• because we are sinners:

we are powerless, ungodly enemies of God, subject to His wrath

• because of God's righteousness:

only thru Christ can we be saved/righteous

→ Atonement: being reconciled with God

▶ propitiation: wrath turned to favor

▶ justification: declared righteous

→ Christ: is our Representative/Substitute

▶ Our union w/ Christ: the last Adam, our High priest, Israel's King

▶ Penal substitution: He pays our penalty & dies in our place

• because of God's love & for His glory:

Christ died for us (the ungodly, sinners)

2. Does the Resurrection Matter?

• Yes – regarding God & His Gospel

→ God's divine power & faithfulness: death could not hold Him down

→ the Father's vindication of His son: God declares Christ righteous and that His death satisfied God's wrath & paid our penalty

→ God's triumph over evil/death: Christ reigns now & coming back

• Yes – regarding our Salvation

→ to be born again (new person): our new life flows out of Christ

→ to be empowered: for godliness, witnessing & perseverance

→ to have hope: for life after death
(eternal life in God's eternal kingdom)

3. A Summary Statement (EFCA Statement of Faith #5):

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We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

4. How then shall "We" live?

• Come to Jesus if you're thirsty or weary:

for cleansing, healing & filling

• Embrace the way of the cross & preach the gospel:

in the love, joy & power of the Resurrected-Christ